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Dr. Stryker on Lincoln

A small audience assembled in the Chapel last Tuesday morning to hear Dr. Stryker's patriotic address of the day. He chose the life story of Abraham Lincoln as his theme and spoke eloquently and powerfully upon what was evidently a very near and dear subject. A resume of his remarks is about as follows:

"I have all the emoluments of a prophet in his own country, and I accept them with joy. But not being an imported and tariff-burdened object I escape at least the perils of introduction, of the lorgnette, and I hope the bastinado. But Abraham Lincoln's is a story which never grows old. It is the dearest and most human theme furnished us in all the annals of great Americans. This simple and attainable story has a mysterious charm like the ripple of rare music which needs no rhapsody. It is to be explained and not exploited. As the best of every sermon is the text, so let everything else be forgotten in him whom we try to estimate today.

"A people is but the attempt of many to rise to the complete thought of one. Such as shelter themselves under the banyan tree of genealogy and pride themselves that they are not as other men are—well they are not. Opportunity is far more than circumstance. The man and not the scenery rules the epic. Chronology furnishes an excellent framework and skeleton for the anatomy of history. But one hundred dates sketch no world. History is written in typical biographies, the life reflecting the era it helped to create. Thus appreciation of life is the study of men.

"Thus the Februaries as they come and pass are enriched by the natal anniversaries of two great men—the one under God the father of his country and the other its preserver. We are to consider the ordering of their lives that we may imitate them.

"It is not a haphazard nor uncertain usage by which we are to honor Lincoln on Washington's day. There is a strange analogy and disparity between them. Each one was the correlation of the other. Both were providntial foci. Had there been no Washington there would have been no Lincoln; had there been no Lincoln, Washington would have served in vain. There is enough to join them as they now are gladly joined.

"For a man to attempt to be a second Lincoln would be ludicrous. Let him be himself and make the most of him. But men are our mentors and by our following are we judged. Let us then try to reconstruct the story of those who themselves constructed the fact. I cannot tell you one new thing about Lincoln. I can only direct you to a more resolute appreciation of the pre-eminent man of the nineteenth century.

"We want to know the real Lincoln without artifice, for omission is apology. All that he did or said, the homemade fashion of him, his great laugh and splendid anger—all these we must have without dissembling. His wit, his caustic personalities, the Gettysburg Address, which shows how far one may think who thinks with his heart, his lost speeches—all these we must have. We want to know about what they said of him, what the world says of him now. For he belongs to us; Lincoln is ours. In his person he represented the concentrated spirit of his times and with that spirit he was always doubted by those who would not or could not understand him.

"To colate all the abuse which vomited its spleen upon him would show something of the endurance to which he was called. But alas they knew not what they did. Why quote from a malignity so cruel? Verily purblind fools have their award from history. To those who lampooned him and estimated character by clothes, his stately and sorrowful mien stand unshaken and reign. He expected men to abuse him.

"His friend, Judge Davis, said that he never heard him complain of anything. But that he felt it all is shown in his pathetic avowals. He was no angel; he walked the ground. Born into the cradle of the pioneer, everything about those earliest days was squalid and raw. He knew the earth and the country where daily bread was a problem. He was always climbing by the peg which he drove. Man comforts us with the assurance that in the loss of the democracy there are always those who will ride up to vindicate the right. Out of some cradle, some Nazareth, has come every great thing.

"He knew men and stood against oligarchy and every archy which oppresses them. He drove every rung he climbed by, he builded his own stairs. Never schooled yet always learned, he entered life heavily conditioned and sat upon the lowest bench in the primary of hardship. Yet he graduated from the university of America into a high honor which he himself made.

"A little school may graduate great scholars. Few are worthy to master the great tonic lessons of adversity tho the tuition is free. What he was he had, and little enough that was. It was his great sympathy, his imagination which allied him to all men. A man all will can do many things that a man of catholic feeling cannot do, but he can also fail of the highest and noblest feeling of palpitating life. Pining for company in his weary life, his inmost life was a solitude. In his most intimate moments he closed and barred the door. It was as if an impending eclipse held him in its advancing shadow. He loved the plaintive and elegiac tone in verse. He felt as his own the woes of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville until he bore in his own soul, travailing with it, the terrific anxiety of July, 1863.

"But for his humor and faith he would have buckled under the strain. Thus he became the spokesman of the heart of the nation and in the sublime patience of hope he uttered the greatest poem ever spoken in America, that pæon of the democracy the Gettysburg speech. He was a politician in the astute and not the shifty sense; he read the times like a raised album. and bent himself to advance the practices of justice. The Divine character was standing within the shadows, and thus did Lincoln see the curtain tremble with the breath that was behind it.

"Men there are who take any man's advice; men there are who take none. Lincoln knew how to take good advice. He stood firm as a rock and lived one day at a time. With every man his critic, he made the most of what was offered him. I am sure that were he

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ROCHESTER-HAMILTON MEET

The indoor meet long projected by the Track Department will be held in the Utica State Armory, Wednesday evening, March 16, under the auspices of Company A. Hamilton College and the Utica Y. M. C. A. will co-operate in this meet so that there will be two series of events, one among the boys of the Utica Y. M. C. A., the other consisting of the dual events between Hamilton and Rochester.

The Hamilton-Rochester program will include dashes, hurdles, middle and long distance runs, shot-put, high-jump and a mile relay race. This relay will be the star event of the evening. Hamilton proved her speed against Dartmouth. The team will be the same with the exception that Roberts, '13, will run in place of C. D. Root, '13.

On March 12, this relay team will go to New York to compete in the Columbia University games in Madison Square Garden. Hamilton's opponent has not yet been announced, but the team will surely make a worthy showing.

LITTLE FALLS CONCERT

On Friday evening, the 25th, the Musical Clubs journeyed to Little Falls and appeared before a very fair-sized audience. The Clubs left Clinton on a special car at 4:30 p. m., and arrived at their destination shortly after six. All were entertained royally for dinner at various private homes. The concert was hardly up to the standard, but this may be accounted for by the numerous colds and throat troubles that seemed to prevail thruout the Glee Club. The Mandolin Club was good, as usual. The audience, tho not large, was very apreciative and the clubs were obliged to render their full repertoire before it was satisfied. Following the concert dancing was enjoyed until twelve o'clock, when the clubs returned to Clinton, arriving home at 2:30, tired and weary, but with memories the most pleasant.

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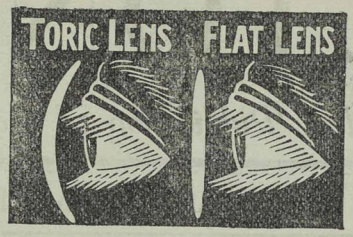

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THE FIRST INSTALLMENT of the new student tax is payable today. Prof. Carruth, the treasurer of the Athletic Association, will sit from 9 to 11:15 a.m., and from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in Silliman Hall to receive this tax which has been levied by the Committee of Estimate and Apportionment and amounts to $3.00 per man. It is not necessary to review the excellent features of this new system of financing our College Athletics.

The old subscription method was disagreeable, inadequate and altogether unsatisfactory. As a result our finances were in a deplorable condition. It has been evident for a long time that some change must be made if we hope to support athletics in this college. For the past few months both alumni and the student body have been busy in studying every phrase of the situation and in divising a new method to adequately meet our needs. The result of their work is the proposed student tax.

The college must bear in mind that the system is only an experiment. In theory it will be a satisfactory solution of our financial situation.

It has worked out in other colleges but whether or not it will be a success at Hamilton depends entirely upon ourselves. Of course we can get around the payment of this tax merely by stating our inability to do so. And this is as it should be.

It is absurd however to argue that any man who really is able to pay will not do his share. To avoid financial obligations in the support of Hamilton institutions has never been in accord with the ethics of this college.

LIFE is confident that the College will favorably receive the new system and give it a good start today.

ON FRIDAY EVENING the first series of Intercollegiate debates of the Triangular league will occur in the College Chapel when the team meets Colgate. At the same time another Hamilton team will be debating Union at Schenectady. This will be the culmination of all the work of the year, and as such should have the hearty support of the entire student body. It is, in a way, the first trial of an experiment, and its successful or unsuccessful working will to a great extent determine, not only the status of Hamilton in the league, but also the value of that same organization as a method of sustaining the intercollegiate debating of these three institutions. In years past our debating, outside of the class room, has been rather apathetic, and accomplished little either as an advertising factor for the college, or as an end to which the class debates could work. In theory the Triangular Debate League seems to be a solution of the problem, and we trust that it will be the same in practice.

Hamilton has all the advantage over the other two teams in the organization. Our system of class room debates should prove its value, and more than all that the one thing that is driven into every man from the time that he enters Hamilton to the time that he leaves is the art of public speaking. Then, too, the men who are to represent the College in the coming debates have been working hard and consistently in a conscientious effort to perfect themselves to the best of their ability and to the best of the opportunity offered in the subject which is to be discussed.

As in all college activities the student body must do its share. Nothing can be successful without this support. The presence of the entire college at the debate on the Hill will show that such a hearty support is given. And since the college can not be in Schenectady to hear the other Hamilton team debate only its best wishes for success can be sent. LIFE trusts that the opening of this new departure will be most auspicious and sincerely hopes that it will mean two victories for Hamilton.

MEETING OF BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT

On Thursday last the Board of Estimate and Apportionment held its first meeting for the purpose of passing judgment upon the estimates of expenses submitted by the several managers and fixing the taxes to be levied.

After a spirited discussion, the board decided to lower the tentative total estimate by $125, thereby authorizing the amount of $2,000, approximately to finance college activities for the year of 1910. To raise this sum each student, excepting those exempt under the provisions of the Constitution of the Association, will be assessed $3 on March 1; $5 at the beginning of spring term, and $7 at the beginning of fall trem.

In addition, the board decided to create a reserve fund, not to exceed $1,000, which will be raised by laying aside ten per cent. of all moneys accruing from the student tax and of whatever amount any manager may have unneeded at the close of his managership.

As has been stated, this sum is not to exceed $1,000, so that when the aforesaid amount will have been attained, no percentage will be subtracted and the tax will lessen.

This fund is to be raised to provide sound backing for our finances, and to be used only in extreme need. However, should the association be compelled to use any part of this money, the fund will be remade intact by returning to the percentage manner of collection.

To the Editor of LIFE:

While appreciating the force of Glover's argument in LIFE of February 15th, and while feeling strongly that nothing should be done to imperil our chances of a successful season next fall, and recognizing, too, that the problem is, after all, best solved by those on the ground and hence more competent to pass judgment, than others of us whose interest may be constant but whose presence is, alack! only too infrequent—for our own good at least—I may still be permitted, perhaps, to note some of the reasons why some few alumni at least are inclined to favor, as a constructive measure, the proposed graduate coaching system for Football.

1. Can we any longer afford to pay $750 plus for our coaches?
2. Can we keep a coach for more than one year for less than $750?
3. Can we longer afford to change coaches every year?
4. Does the new financing system really allow us any more liberality in salaries for coaches than the old system?
5. As a matter of fact, can't we get a competent field coach?
6. As a matter of fact, can't we get a number of competent alumni coaches to return?
7. Have we had more valuable individual coaching than these same alumni have given from year to year when returning without special urging or responsibility?
8. Can we get continuity of play without a graduate system or without engaging one good coach for a term of years at pay which we cannot really afford?
9. If a change is thought wise, is not now the time when we have an experienced team, especially a veteran backfield?
10. Will not such a return of even a ilmited number of alumni react favorably upon the spirit of team and college?

These questions,—without desiring or attempting to decide the problem—I personally am tempted to answer favorably to the adoption of the plan, I repeat, those actively interested ought to have the lion's share of decision.

Of course, the plan of organization is highly important. Without taking space here to develop it, the plan which has doubtless been outlined to the Advisory Board by Mr. Barrows seems fairly satisfactory, *if we can get a competent field coach and a competent chairman of the graduate committee to be on the ground*—which I think reasonably probable.

Yours truly,

1906.

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alive today, he would oppose every doctrine of over-centralization as he withstood every heresy of secession. First nominated as an availability, the second time he was an indispensability. The great liberty bell had found its voice again in him. With straining back and bloody sweat he brought forth the capstone of this nation that Hamilton had reared, Marshall defended, and Webster exalted, and placed it far above their efforts. Then this great man gave up the ghost."

THE AFTERMATH

The following items from Northern papers show the general impression that the Glee Club made upon their recent trip.

(Oswego Times.)

That the Postmen made no mistake in securing the Hamilton College Glee and Instrumental clubs for their benefit entertainment was the unanimous opinion of the large audience at the Richardson theatre last night. The college boys made a fine impression and received an ovation from the delighted audience. Each number was appreciated but naturally some were liked better than others. There was little to choose between the instrumental and vocal sections of the organizations. Both are very good. The quartet deserves a little extra praise for the excellence of their work. Nothing superior has ever been heard here.

The Glee club started the program with "The Phantom Band" and made good. Then came the mandolin club in a lively quickstep that set the feet to tapping. "Any Old Port in a Storm" as sung by Mr. P. M. Allen was a fine number and "Blow Thou Winter Wind" sung by H. L. Sarles was another favorite. "The Galway Cloak" was well rendered and the "1910 Campus Medley" was a feature number. "Wild Cherry Rag" by the Mandolin was the catchiest selection given on the strings. Each one of the regular selections deserves separate mention and the encore numbers were equally meritorious. The program closed with the singing of "Carrissima," the college song written by President Stryker. W. H. Stone was the efficient accompaniest.

The men of the clubs were entertained after the concert by the Order of the Eastern Star at the rooms in the Neal block. They were the guests of the Rev. Dr. David Wills, Jr., and Mrs. Wills at the Manse in West Oneida street in the early evening.

(Watertown Herald)

The Hamilton College glee and instrumental clubs supplied the concert treat of the season at the City opera house last evening. The club appeared at the Orpheum two years ago, and the reputation they then achieved, to say nothing of the recognition the present club has achieved, insured a warm welcome. They were greeted last evening by a large and select audience, the greater portion of which occupied the orchestra and dress circle. It included nearly all of the local alumni, under whose auspices the entertainment was given.

The high reputation which Hamilton's musical organizations have won on their annual tours is safe in the club of 1910. They present a high class program of instrumental and vocal numbers, concerted and solo, which has not been equalled here excepting by the Welch choir party a year ago. The jovial, happy personality of the club, aided by several light, frivolous encores, serve to give to the entertainment a vein of pleasantry wholly lacking by the famous organization of Welchmen.

The audience was unusually appreciative for one of Watertown people, encoring nearly every number on the program of twelve selections. The applause was not sparing and the attention with which the house received each number showed the appreciation even better than the insistive encores.

(*Mexico Independent*)

The Concert given by the Hamilton Glee and Instrumental Clubs, in Washington Hall last Saturday evening, was the musical event of the season. It was given under the auspices of Mexico Academy and High School. A very large audience enjoyed to the utmost the excellent program and repeated encores, very obligingly responded to, showed a thoro appreciation of the fine music.

The high reputation made by the Clubs in past years was well sustained, and should its members visit Mexico again, they will receive a most cordial welcome. They are a fine looking lot of young men and there jovial, happy personality gave an added interest to the entertainment.

—The regular Semi-Annual Meeting of the Advisory Board of the N. Y. S. I. A. U. will be held Saturday, March 5, at the offices of Foley & Foley, Arcade Building, Utica, at 2 p. m. Dr. Squires, '88, Wililams, '08, and Martin, '11, will represent Hamilton at the meeting.

—Track Manager Martin, '11, has received a communication from the Columbia University Club inviting the Relay Team to attend the Informal Entertainment at the Columbia Club House following their race at Madison Square Garden on March 12th.

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HILL NOTES

—Thomas, '12, has returned to college after a siege of sickness.

—Hinman, '83, and Wallace, '09, were on the Hill recently.

—Dewey, '13, has left college for a few days on account of illness.

—Lewis, ex-'12, of Cornell, has entered the Freshman class as a special student.

—Martin, '11, has been confined to his room for a week past owing to sickness.

—Blackmar and Cross, '13, have reported to Asst. Manager Connell, '12, as candidates for Assistant Manager of Football.

—Owing to a break in the heating apparatus last Thursday the recitations usually held in the Hall of Languages were held elsewhere.

—Newton, '08, has been appointed to the position of Superintendent of Schools at Johnstown. He will enter upon his new duties at the beginning of the next school year.

—The standing in the Freshman Life competition up to and including the last issue is as follows: Porter, Lyon, Batchelor, Stone, Clark, Dewey, Blackmar, Wheelock.

—Manager Collins of the Freshman Basketball Team has cancelled the game with Cooperstown, scheduled for Friday night, because of the conflict with the Intercollegiate Debate. The team will play the Rome High School at Rome on Saturday evening.

FRESHMEN LOSE TO Y. M. C. A.

The Freshman Basketball Team played at the Utica Y. M. C. A. last Thursday evening, their opponents being the Senior Y. M. C. A. team. The final score was 38 to 17 in favor of the city team, but had not Capt. Woods of the 1913 squad been absent the result might have been different. In his absence, Lewis was played at center.

The Y. M. C. A. team was faster and more accurate in their passing work, which combination proved very effective on the small floor of the Y. M. C. A. The work of Inman and Stone deserves mention, the latter scoring eleven goals from fouls.

The line-up:

Y. M. C .A		1913
Carr	Right Forward	Mahady
Clemons	Left Forward	Griswold
Inman	Center	Lewis
Smith	Right Guard	Wheelock
VanSlyke	Left Guard	Stone

Goals from field, Inman 7, Smith 4, Clemons 3, VanSlyke 2, Carr 1, Lewis 2, Griswold 1. From fouls, Inman 4, Stone 11.

SOPHOMORES DEFEATED

On Feb. 21st the 1912 Basketball Team was defeated by the Independents of Cooperstown, in that city, by a score of 52 to 20. The Sophomore five were handicapped by the small size of the court as well as by the fact that the contest was played under the rules of the A. A. U. The Cooperstown men displayed remarkable team work, following their men closely and guarding exceptionally well. Of the individual players, C. Root and Nixon starred for 1912 and Fowler and Turton for their opponents. Knox, '12, is credited with particularly good work on the defensive.

The contest started with the Sophomores in the lead for the first ten minutes. Cooperstown, however, thru the work of Fowler and Turton, soon forged ahead, with the resulting score of 14-24 at the end of the first half. The second half was uneventful

The summary:

Cooperstown		1912
Fowler	Right Forward	C. Root
Rouse (Reed)	Left Forward	Regin
Turton	Center	D. Root
J. Raunacher	Right Guard	Knox
Derrick	Left Guard	Nixon

Goals from field, C. Root 4, Regin 2, D. Root, Nixon, Knox, Fowler 12, Turton 8, Raunacher 3, Derrick. Goals from fouls, Knox 2, Fowler 2, Turton 2. Referee, C. Raunacher. Timekeeper, Martin. Time of halves, 20 min.

SOPHOMORES BEAT FRESHMEN

The 1912 Basketball Team defeated the Freshmen in a preliminary game in Scollard Opera House last Wednesday. The first half was very close, the Freshmen leading by one point. 1912 gained the lead early in the second half and won 21-16.

The Sophomores had the better team work and excelled in passing and dribbling. C. Root played the best game for 1912, while Woods and Lewis starred for the Freshmen. The score and players follow:

1912 (21)		1913 (16)
Peters	Right Forward	Griswold
Knox	Left Forward	Lewis
D. Root	Center	Woods
C. Root	Right Guard	Wheelock
Regin (Watkin, DuBourdieu)	Left Guard	Mahady

Goals, C. Root 4, D. Root 2, Knox 2, Peters 1 ,Woods 2, Lewis 2, Mahady 1. Fouls, Knox 3, Woods 5, Griswold 1. Referee, Lenahan. Time of halves, 20 minutes.

THE SYRACUSE CONVENTION

The Biennial Convention of the New York State Y. M. C. A. was held last week in Syracuse. Unlike the conventions at Northfield and Rochester, the attendance was made up largely of the leaders and older members of the town and city associations, so that the college element was comparatively small.

Dean Edward I Bosworth, of Oberlin Theological Seminary, addressed the convention, choosing as his subject "The Vital Elements in the Development of Personal Power." Dr. A. C. Barbour spoke at the Alhambra Sunday afternoon with the theme "Missing the Mark," and John R. Mott closed the convention on Tuesday night with a lecture on the crucial situation among the Russian and Chinese students .

Hamilton was represented by Knox, '10, Colson, Day and Westcott, '11, Eggleston, '12, and Thompson and Clapp, '13.

A full report of the convention will be given at the Sunday meeting of the Y. M. C. A.

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